



Bulletin board

At the movies March 15-31

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

March 15 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 16-17 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.
March 18-19 — Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 20 — Racing Stripes (PG) 4 p.m.
Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 21-22 — Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m.
March 23-24 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 25-26 — Constantine (R) 7 p.m.
March 27 — Fat Albert (PG) 4 p.m. Coach
Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 28 — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 29-30 — In Good Company (PG-13)
7 p.m.
March 31 — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7
p.m.

Büdingen, Little

March 18 — The Life Aquatic With Steve
Zissou (R) 7 p.m.
March 19 — Lemony Snickets (PG) 3 p.m.
March 25 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 26 — Fat Albert (PG) 3 p.m.

Dexheim, Rhein

March 18 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 19 — Constantine (R) 7 p.m.
March 20 — Racing Stripes (PG) 3 p.m.
March 25 — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 26 — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7
p.m.
March 27 — In Good Company (PG-13) 3
p.m.

Friedberg, Old Ironsides

March 17 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 18-19 — Are We There Yet? (PG) 7
p.m.
March 20 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 24 — Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m.
March 25-26 — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.
March 27 — In Good Company (PG-13) 7
p.m.
March 31 — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7 p.m.

Giessen, Skyline

March 15-16 — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 18 — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-
13) 7 p.m.
March 19 — Racing Stripes (PG) 2 p.m.
Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 20 — The Life Aquatic With Steve
Zissou (R) 7 p.m.
March 22-23 — Are We There Yet? (PG) 7
p.m.



Vin Diesel has his hands full with Luke Bo Vink in "The Pacifier."



Elektra (Jennifer Garner) battles Kirigi (Will Yun Lee) in "Elektra."

March 25 — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 26 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.
March 27 — Are We There Yet? (PG) 7 p.m.
March 29-30 — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.

Hanau, Evening Star

March 15 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 16 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.
March 17 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 18 — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.
Racing Stripes (PG) 9:30 p.m.
March 19 — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.
Elektra (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
March 20 — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.
March 21 — Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m.
March 22 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 23 — Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m.
March 24 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 25 — Robots (PG) 7 p.m. Assault
On Precinct 13 (R) 9:30 p.m.
March 26 — Robots (PG) 7 p.m. Coach
Carter (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
March 27 — In Good Company (PG-13) 4
p.m. Robots (PG) 7 p.m.
March 28 — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7
p.m.
March 29 — In Good Company (PG-13) 7
p.m.
March 30 — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 31 — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7
p.m.

Rhein Main, Gardens

March 16 — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7
p.m.
March 18 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 19 — Fat Albert (PG) 5 p.m. Hitch
(PG-13) 7:30 p.m.
March 20 — Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m.
March 23 — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.
March 25 — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 26 — In Good Company (PG-13) 5
p.m. Constantine (R) 7:30 p.m.
March 27 — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7
p.m.
March 30 — Robots (PG) 7 p.m.

Wackernheim, McCully

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Wiesbaden, Flyers

March 17 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 18 — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7
p.m.
March 19 — Flight Of The Phoenix (PG-13)
7 p.m.
March 24 — The Pacifier (PG) 7 p.m.
March 25 — In Good Company (PG-13) 7
p.m.
March 26 — Assault On Precinct 13 (R) 7
p.m.
March 31 — Coach Carter (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taunus

March 15 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.
March 16 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 17 — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7
p.m.
March 18 — Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m.
Elektra (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
March 19 — Racing Stripes (PG) 4 p.m.
Man Of The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
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**Movies and times subject to
change by local theaters.
For the most up-to-date
schedule visit the ASG's
website (see address below).**

Movie plots

The Pacifier (PG) — Vin Diesel stars as Navy SEAL Shane Wolfe who thought he was prepared to take on any duty no matter how perilous or impossible — until he tried babysitting. Assigned to protect five out-of-control children of an assassinated scientist, Shane is faced with fighting the bad guys while keeping house.

Elektra (PG-13) — Jennifer Garner stars as the comic book heroine, Elektra, forced to make a decision that can take her life in a new direction — or destroy her.

Man Of The House (PG-13) — Jack Sturges (Chevy Chase) has found the woman (Farrah Fawcett) he wants to marry. Unfortunately her precocious, wise-cracking son (Jonathan Taylor Thomas) doesn't seem to like him. Young Ben Archer, whose biological father left at an early age, won't accept her mother's boyfriends until he puts them through a grueling psychological obstacle course to earn his respect.

Fat Albert (PG) — The characters of Bill Cosby's "Fat Albert" cartoon series find themselves in human form when they tumble out of their television show and end up in the real world. As Fat Albert tries to help young Doris win some friends, he falls in love with her sister Lauri. Stars Kenan Thompson, Raven-Symone and Jermaine Williams.

White Noise (PG-13) — Listen carefully, believers will tell you, and amidst the white noise of a detuned radio you might hear voices and amidst the white noise of a detuned television you might see faces. These, they'll tell you, are the voices and faces of the dead. Stars Michael Keaton and Deborah Unger.

Assault on Precinct 13 (R) — Laurence Fishburne plays a notorious mobster temporarily incarcerated on New Year's Eve at Precinct 13, a soon-to-close police station. As a rogue gang tries to free him, a cop (Ethan Hawke) must command a crew of policemen and prisoners to defend the station.

In Good Company (PG-13) — Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid) is demoted from head of magazine ad sales when his company is acquired in a corporate takeover. His new boss, Tom (Topher Grace), is half his age. Both men are going through turmoil at home and the situation only gets more complicated when Tom falls for Dan's daughter (Scarlett Johansson).

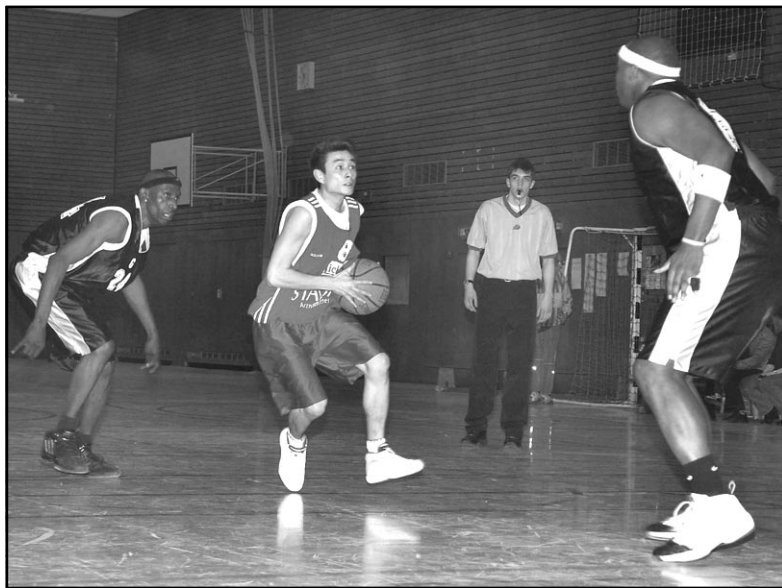
Hitch (PG-13) — As a tactical adviser who specializes in guiding reluctant pairs Hitch (played by Will Smith) has been responsible for hundreds of New York City weddings. Eva Mendes co-stars as Sara, a gossip reporter who, after a chance meeting with Hitch, finds her professional life and personal life on a collision course. She makes Hitch re-evaluate his game and teaches him that love is not a feeling, it's an action.

Sports and leisure

Hoop champs

Members of the U.S. Army combined Giessen/Friedberg team box in an opponent in the host nation Barmer Cup tournament featuring teams from all over Germany March 5 in Giessen. The U.S. team won the tourney for the fourth year in a row with Giessen's Terry Towns winning the three-point challenge and Giessen's Gary Gulley being named tournament Most Valuable Player.

Photo by Kai Aust



Things to do ... Things to do

Library Story Hour

Baumholder Library holds a Preschool Story Hour every Thursday from 10-11:15 a.m. **Hanau's Pioneer Library** holds Preschool Story Hour every Thursday (except holidays) at 10 a.m.

BOSS Paris Express

Friedberg's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a Paris Express trip April 8-10. Cost is \$70. Call Frank Rojas at mil 324-3158.

Free tokens for grades

Bring in your report card to Hanau's Kid's Korner at the Wolfgang Shopping Center and receive a free token for every A or B. The Kid's Korner is open Wednesday to Friday from 3-8 p.m., Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and

Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Call mil 322-9013 for details.

USO highlights

Rhein Main Area USOs in Wiesbaden, Hanau, at Rhein-Main Air Base and the Frankfurt Airport feature the following upcoming tours and events: **Dublin St. Patrick's Day Celebration** March 16-19; **Black Forest Shopping and Triberg Visit** March 19; **Wiesbaden City Tour** March 19 and April 2; **World of Wine With Eric The Red** March 20; **Tulip Time in Holland** March 24-27; **Historic Heidelberg** March 26; **Keukenhof Gardens** April 1-2 and 15-16; **Rhein River Cruises** April 3, 9, 17 and 24; **Warner Brothers Movie World** April 8; **Lloret de Mar** April 8-14; **Strasbourg** April 9; **Würzburg** by

Train April 16; **Evelin's Wellness Paradise** April 16; **Belgian Ardennes** April 23-24; **Bavarian Castles** April 23 and **Trier By Train** April 30. Wiesbaden USOs also feature **hatha yoga, belly dance, basket weaving and cooking classes**. Stop by the USOs for more information.

On local stages

Hanau's Five Pfennig Playhouse features Gilbert and Sullivan's **"The Pirates of Penzance"** March 18, 24-26, 31, April 1-2 at 7 p.m. and as dinner theater March 19 at 6 p.m. Auditions for the **"The King and I"** will be held March 28-29 at 7 p.m. Pick up tickets at the Hanau USO or call mil 322-8725.

Library Mystery Night

Wiesbaden, Dexheim and McCully Libraries bring the game of Clue to life with a Mystery Night April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Rheinlander Club in Dexheim. Cost is \$6 including food, fun and horror. Stop by any of the three libraries by April 8 to purchase a ticket.

Family bowling

Hanau's Hessen Bowl at the Wolfgang Shopping Center offers Family Day bowling featuring \$1 games and free shoe rental every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Arts and crafts

Wiesbaden's Römer Arts Center in Building 1214 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield features tole painting April 2 and 9, silk painting April 9, framing April 16, oil painting April 16 and 23; and acrylic painting April 30. Call mil 337-5722. **Hanau's American Sampler Crafts Shop** at the Wolfgang Shopping Center (by the gas station) features everything from introduction to framing to film development classes. Call mil 322-8082 for details. **Baumholder's Keepsake Framing and Photo Shop** holds framing classes April 9 and 23. Call mil 485-8793.

Sports shorts

Half marathon

Dexheim's Fitness Center hosts an Iron Soldier Half Marathon March 19. Call mil 334-5746 for details.

Giessen volleyball, cheerleading

Giessen's Miller Hall will be the site of pre-season **Unit Level Volleyball Tournament** March 16-18 and the **U.S. Forces Europe 2005 Junior Cheerleading Championship** March 19. Call mil 343-8206 for details.

Soccer tourneys

Friedberg Fitness Center holds the 284th Base Support Battalion **Indoor Soccer Championships** March 26. It's free to all unit-level teams. Call mil 324-3155 or 3552 for details.

Racquetball Invitational

Baumholder's Mountaineer Fitness Center holds a Racquetball Invitational March 19-20 starting at 8:30 a.m. Call mil 485-6671.

Softball tourney

Hanau's Pioneer Sports and Fitness Center holds a Softball Triple Eliminator Tournament April 1-3. Cost is \$225 per team. Sign up deadline is March 30. Call mil 322-8197 for details.

Family Fitness Run/Walk April 9

Hanau's Pioneer Fitness Center holds a Family Fitness 10-Kilometer Run/Five-K Walk April 9 starting at 10 a.m. Registration is at 9 a.m. Call mil 322-8197 for details.

Spring Golf Clinic

Baumholder's Rolling Hills Golf Course holds a **Spring Golf Clinic** every Saturday in April from

10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$160 for all five sessions. A **Spring Open** with a shotgun start will be held April 24 starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up by April 20. Call mil 485-6156 for more information.

Sign up for Civilian Fitness Program

Civilians interested in getting in shape during duty hours should consider enrolling in the Civilian Fitness Program. The one-time enrollment opportunity offers civilian employees to be excused from work for three one-hour sessions a week for six months. Open enrollment will be held in **Wiesbaden** March 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tony Bass Fitness Center, in **Dexheim** March 15 from 3-4 p.m. at the Dexheim Fitness Center, and in **Baumholder** March 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hall of Champions.

Spring Break Run

Baumholder's Hall of Champions features a Spring Break Five-Kilometer Run April 9 starting at 10 a.m. Cost is \$12. Register from 8-9:30 a.m. Call mil 485-7176 for details.

Friedberg softball tourneys

Friedberg Fitness Center holds a **One-Pitch Softball Tournament** April 9-10 and a **Pre-Season Unit Level Softball Tournament** April 19-22. Call mil 324-3155 for details.

Schiffenberg Castle Run April 30

Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center features a Five-Kilometer Run/Three-K Walk at the Schiffenberg Castle April 30. The walk is free. Runners pay \$15 including a T-shirt, or \$10 without. Call mil 343-7201.



Photo by Dennis Johnson

Sgt. David Clark of the 130th Engineer Brigade (green shirt) helps coach a new 414th Base Support Battalion rugby team. Anyone interested in rugby is invited to participate. "All experience levels are welcome," said Clark. The team practices every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on the Pioneer football field. For more information email david.e.clark@us.army.mil or stop by a practice.

Inspiring readers in Butzbach

Read 180 provides intense intervention support for students

Story and photos by Karl Weisel
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Their goal is to turn students around — to help them go from being hesitant learners wary of seeking counsel between the covers of books to being voracious readers hungry for more of the written word.

“They” are teachers at Butzbach Elementary School, like their counterparts in schools throughout the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe and in the United States, who are using the Read 180 intervention program to meet the needs of students who have slipped a year or two behind their peers in reading ability.

“We want the students to develop a passion for reading,” said Butzbach Elementary School Principal Sue Morin.

“This is the first year of the program at Butzbach Elementary School,” said DeeAnna Lee, Read 180 and English as a Second Language teacher. “We started it in late fall, early winter. The goal is to submerge and immerse kids in all aspects of reading. ... It’s a highly motivating program at a level that they’re interested in, featuring modeled reading.”

Students spend 90 minutes each day in the intensely structured program which includes an interactive classroom where groups of students rotate around the room moving from writing exercises to reading, using computer software and completing computer tests measuring their comprehension of the literature they select.

The fourth- through sixth-graders receive direct instruction from their teacher before breaking into smaller groups to complete various tasks such as reading into a computer microphone, reading silently to themselves, reading while listening to taped instructional guides and discussing books they’ve read with the entire class.

“This is for children having trouble reading but who are not so far behind that they can’t be successful in the reading programs,” said Lee. “The ultimate goal is to help them be



Juan Torres takes a computer test after finishing a book in his Read 180 class.

more successful.”

The Read 180 program is also featured in middle and high schools.

Dr. Dave Juencke who teaches using the Read 180 program in his combined special and regular education class explained that phonics, decoding, spelling, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, reading fluency and forms of writing are all addressed.

“There’s not a whole lot different between this program and ones that we’ve used in the past besides the technology,” Juencke said. “I like the Read 180 program, especially with special education, because it addresses specific areas where they’re having problems such as phonetics or comprehension. It also covers fluency, spelling and writing. The more one-on-one you get in their areas of deficit, the more gains you have. ... It’s all individualized at their level of success.”

Children set goals in the program which are constantly monitored and discussed by the teachers. “We work together to set the goals,” said Lee. “After the first quarter we sit down and re-evaluate them.”

“I feel I’ve become a better reader through the program,” said Juan Torres. “I think this class has helped me. Now when a teacher calls on me to read I feel better about myself, and I don’t embarrass myself.”

“My mom has to make me read because I don’t like to read,” said sixth-grader Tia Wilkins. “That’s why I was put in this class. ... This class has helped me. Now when I have to write a report, I read a little bit and then write about it.”

“My favorite book was ‘The Magnificent Mummy Maker,’” said sixth-grader Adrien

Haywood. “Since I’ve been in this class I’m reading a lot more. Reading is better than watching TV — you get stories in your head. I used to read short books but now I read thicker books.”

“What I’m finding is that kids are reading so many of them so quickly that I’m having to order more sets,” said Lee.

During one small group session students focus on the meaning of prefixes and how to identify and use them in their writing. As they discuss which words are prefixes one student selects a word which isn’t a prefix.

“Is it OK to make mistakes,” asks Lee of the students, telling them, “You bet — that’s how you learn.”

“They love this program,” Lee said. “They want to do well. A lot of the kids coming into this program are turned off to reading. I think all of these kids are reading more than they ever did. I’ve had parents come to me and say, ‘my child wasn’t reading and now he’s taking books home to read.’

“I start where the highest need is and I work up from there,” said Lee, adding that teachers must determine when students are fully capable of leaving the program. “At what point do I exit them from the program? Are they reading solidly in their programs. That’s the goal — to get them back into their regular programs.”

Although research into the success of Read 180 is still in progress, Juencke said, he and fellow educators can already see much progress. “With any program of this intensity you’re going to see gains in testing. Just increasing their ability in reading alone will help them in their Terra Nova scores.”

“This has been one of the best years ever at Butzbach Elementary School,” said the principal. “The kids are maintaining their tempo and focus.”

“With enrollment down this year the school has more of a homey feel — a greater sense of community,” Morin said. “Also because of the lower student population there are more opportunities for incredibly teachable moments. That’s refreshing as an educator.”

Besides the introduction of the Read 180 program, Morin said she was also proud of the school’s Odyssey of the Mind team which garnered second-place honors at the DoDDS-Europe Odyssey of the Mind Competition held Feb. 25-27 in Garmisch. Fourth-grader Becky Tien, third-grader Robert Harilal, fourth-grader Cameron Ortiz and fourth-grader Dominick Kerr began preparing for the competition in October, meeting every Thursday after school for about an hour and a half before turning up the intensity as the contest date approached.

Morin also praised the support of the Parent Teacher Association which has been sponsoring various after school activities for children in grades kindergarten to four and was gearing up to hold a book fair at the school March 28 to April 1.

“I can’t say enough about parental involvement — we couldn’t do it without them,” she said.

School bits

National History Day

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe host a National History Day competition March 30 at Heidelberg’s Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Middle school and high school students will present their exhibits, and the public is invited to check out the entries and watch performances from noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers are sought to judge the entries. Call Robert Lykins at mil 338-7467 or civ (0611) 380-7467 for details.

Hanau grad excels

Cadet Patrick Joseph Martin, son of Col. Gregg and Margaret Martin, made the dean’s list at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Martin, who graduated from Hanau American High School in 2004, aims to graduate in 2008 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Gelnhausen happenings

Gelnhausen Elementary School holds a **staff development day** (no school for students) March 18, **Terra Nova testing** for grades three to five March 21-25, **Terra Nova make-up testing** and a **School Advisory Committee Meeting** March 28, and a **Student of the Month Luncheon** March 31. The school also continues to invite adults to volunteer to serve as mentors to encourage student academic success. Call the school at civ (06051) 13011 for more information.

University scholarships

More than 70 scholarships of up to \$500 each are available to spouses and others for the current academic year to be used toward tuition for University of Maryland courses and seminars or textbook expenses. To qualify students must have completed at least six semester hours with the University of Maryland University College, maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average, and demonstrated financial need via the UMUC financial aid data form. Visit www.ed.umuc.edu/fso online for more information.

Special Olympic volunteers

Volunteers are sought for the Kaiserslautern Special Olympics Spring Games to be held May 4 at the German police readiness center in Enkenbach, just east of Kaiserslautern. Volunteers are needed to serve as buddies for the hundreds of young German and American athletes, to help translate and to run events. Send an email with your name, email address and what you would like to volunteer for to Larry Zani at larry_zani@compuserve.com.

Spelling Bee March 19

The Europe Parent Teachers Association hosts a Europe-wide Spelling Bee March 19 at Kaiserslautern American High School. Local winners in grades three to eight will compete. For more information on the Spelling Bee or other European PTA programs call mil 480-6135 or civ (0637) 389 2292.



Read 180 teacher DeeAnna Lee looks over students’ work during a 90-minute class.

Sports and leisure

Panthers roar at DoDDS-E tourney

Hanau boy and girl basketball teams win European championships

By Karl Weisel
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

The stars aligned over Mannheim, balls fell through the hoop when it counted and the Hanau Panthers roared in victory at the Department of Defense Dependents Schools European Championships Feb. 26.

Both the Hanau American High School boys and girls teams claimed Division II titles. The Hanau Lady Panthers put away the Naples Lady Wildcats 33-27, and the boys beat Aviano 50-37 in the finals to claim championships.

"We had a real strong team this year," said Michael Hunt, coach of the Lady Panthers. "Last year we were upset in the semifinals, but this year we went all the way. The team may not have been as strong throughout the year — they had a 10-4 season — but they pulled it together when it counted."

The Hanau girls defeated Mannheim in their semifinal matchup on the way to the final game against Naples. They lost to Mannheim Feb. 12 during regular season play which resulted in the Lady Bison claiming the Division II regular season title.

Coach Hunt praised the efforts of all of his players for putting in the extra effort when it counted. "One



Photos by Gene Knudsen

Hanau's Marcus Fontanez blows past his Mannheim defender for two points during the DoDDS European Championship on the team's way to the Division II finals against Aviano High School.

of the reasons we were successful in the tournament is that all of our players stepped up. ... They came through when they needed to."

Hanau's Katisha Fauntleroy was named Tournament Most Valuable Player. "We couldn't have won too many games without her," said Hunt, adding that in addition to claiming all-Europe and all-conference titles in the past several years, Fauntleroy has been Hanau's leading scorer all four years. "She's our center, our big girl — just one of the best players in Europe. We've been lucky she's been here all four years."

Hunt also praised the contribu-

tions of point guard Kyri Bye-Nagel, "one of the best athletes in Europe. Her speed and athleticism really contribute to the team. She plays great defense, makes steals — she's just real tough."

Both Fauntleroy and Bye-Nagel were named to the all-tournament team.

While Fauntleroy, a senior who averaged 16 points a game this season, will be moving on, Hunt said Bye-Nagel, who averaged 13 points a game during the season, should be back next year.

"We're losing two seniors varsity-wise this year," he said, "but

several players will be returning including Alexis Padgett who had a great tournament ... and sophomore forward Emily Morris who played great for us all season. She's been our best rebounder all year. Emily did a lot of work that didn't get noticed — she really came through."

Coach Hunt also praised the efforts of Brittany Planas who "also had a great tournament."



Hanau's Kyri Bye-Nagel goes up for a basket during the Lady Panthers semifinal game against Mannheim.

Winning the DoDDS all-Europe title might have seemed like old hat for the Hanau varsity boys, but Coach Tim Smith said that claiming the championship for the second year in a row took the efforts of "a really good team. ... When one person didn't play well everybody else stepped up."

"We had three very good players — Malcolm Lane, Jeremy Marshall and Marcus Fontanez. That's very unusual," said Smith. All three were named to the all-tournament team with Lane claiming tournament MVP honors.

Smith said despite the strength of the team, he was worried when his all-Europe center Fontanez hurt his ankle which put him on the bench in the preliminary rounds of the tournament. "We were worried, but we had a pretty talented team and were also capable of coming from behind."

Fontanez earned 17 points in the final against Aviano, with Lane claiming 11, Jeremy Marshall putting away 10, Cameron Warner sinking eight and Ivan James racking up four. "We had great role players — guys who came off the bench and made a difference. Ivan James was probably our best rebounder besides Fontanez."

The coach also touted the ball-handling ability of Travis Render, Cameron Warren and Daniel Sugui. "Sugui's a guard who just plain hustles — he kept us in the ball game."

Having several players who excel on other sports fields during the rest of the year was also a boon on the basketball court, Smith said. "I like it when my basketball players play more than one sport."

The Hanau boys also claimed the Division II regular season title by defeating Mannheim 69-56 Feb. 12. Marshall was the high scorer in that game earning 22 points.

"I had a good time coaching the kids this year. They worked hard," Smith said. "When you have kids like that it's a lot of fun."

Next year will be a bit of rebuilding year with key players Fontanez graduating at the end of this year and Marshall moving on to Kaiserslautern, the coach said. "Malcolm should be back and TJ Shulson will have his hands full next year. We hope some other players will develop as well."

